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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An optical lens system comprising:

a first optical lens having a first region and a perimeter region;

an electro-active refractive matrix coupled to the first region of the optical lens, the

electro-active refractive matrix capable of altering an optical power of the optical lens system,

the perimeter region of the lens being removable from the optical lens without removing

a portion of said electro-active refractive matrix to configure the optical lens for a specific

eyeglass frame.

2. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 wherein more than 30% of the perimeter region

of the lens may be removed from the optical lens to configure the optical lens for a specific

eyeglass frame.

3. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 wherein more than 60% of the perimeter region

of the lens may be removed from the optical lens to configure the optical lens for a specific

eyeglass frame.

4. (Currently amended) The optical lens system of claim 1 wherein the electro-active refractive

matrix includes is associated with patterned electrodes.

5. (Currently amended) The optical lens system of claim 1 wherein the electro-active refractive

matrix includes is associated with a diffractive element.

6. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 wherein the electro-active refractive matrix

includes is associated with a plurality of pixilated elements.

7. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 further comprising:

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a controller and a conductor bus coupled to the first optical lens.

- 8. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 7 wherein the controller includes a power source.
- 9. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 further comprising:

a second optical lens coupled to the first optical lens, the second optical lens covering at least a portion of the electro-active refractive matrix.

10. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 further comprising:

a conductor bus positioned along a radius of the first optical lens, the conductor bus coupling the perimeter region of the first optical lens to the electro-active refractive matrix.

11. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 further comprising:

a range finder coupled to the first optical lens; and a power source coupled to the first optical lens.

- 12. (Original) The optical lens system of claim 1 wherein the electro-active refractive matrix is coupled to a carrier.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The optical lens system of claim 12 wherein a controller, a range finder, and a power source are coupled to the carrier and wherein the electro-active refractive matrix includes is associated with a diffractive element.
- 14. 44. (Cancelled)
- 45. (currently amended) A method of assembling eyewear comprising:

providing a lens system having an electro-active refractive matrix, the electro-active refractive matrix capable of altering an optical power of the optical lens system, the lens system also having a fixed outer surface;

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modifying the shape of the lens system by edging an outer perimeter of the lens system without removing a portion of said electro-active matrix; and

placing the lens system into an eyewear frame.

- 46. (Original) The method of claim 45 further comprising:

 coupling a conductor of the lens system to a conductor of the eyewear frame.
- 47. (Original) The method of claim 45 wherein the electro-active refractive matrix includes a plurality of individual pixels.
- 48. (Cancelled)
- 49. (Original) A method of assembling an optical lens system comprising:

providing a lens blank, the lens blank having an electro-active refractive matrix <u>capable</u> of altering an optical power of the optical lens system to provide vision correction; and

removing material from the lens blank to configure the lens blank to fit within a specified eyeglass frame without removing a portion of said electro-active refractive matrix.

- 50. (Original) The method of claim 49 wherein the electro-active refractive matrix contains patterned electrodes.
- 51. (New) The method of claim 45 further comprising associating the electro-active refractive matrix with a diffractive element.
- 52. (New) The method of claim 49 further comprising association the electro-active refractive matrix with a diffractive element.